

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: claims 1, 3, 5 – 7, and 10 – 20 are allowable over prior art of record.

As per claim 1, 3, 5 – 7, and 10 – 20, the prior art of record failed to teach a system comprising a transmitter element creating an interrogation signal and transmitting the interrogation signal; and a receiver element receiving and demodulating a reflection signal of the interrogation signal and combining the reflection signal and a feedback signal to cancel at least a portion of radio frequency echo signals in the reflection signal, wherein the reflection signal comprises an error component comprising interrogation signal energy reflected from objects in an environment other than a radio frequency tag, and wherein the feedback signal comprises the at least a portion of radio frequency echo signals comprising the error component at lower frequencies than a data signal of interest; wherein the feedback signal is derived by isolating the error component of the reflection signal, and wherein the error component of the reflection signal is isolated by low pass filtering the reflection signal as claimed in independent claim 1 and similarly claimed in independent claim 10 and 18. Therefore claims 1, 3, 5 – 7, and 10 – 20 are novel and non-obvious over prior art of record.

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Conclusion

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